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RE: **Ex Parte Presentation - Wireless LNP Forbearance – WT Docket No. 01-184**

Dear Secretary Salas:

On January 22, 2002, Alaska Communications Systems Wireless (“ACSW”) representatives, Elisabeth Ross and Allison Ellis, met with David Furth, Patrick Forster and Jennifer Salhus (Wireless Telecommunications Bureau), Jared Carlson and Diane Harmon (Common Carrier Bureau), and Gene Fullano (Consumer Information Bureau) to discuss ACSW’s support for Verizon’s Petition for Forbearance in this docket.

ACSW focused in particular on how implementation of wireless number portability will have negative impacts on small and rural carriers, highlighting arguments in its Reply Comments. ACSW discussed that it will have to implement LNP along the same general timeframes as the larger carriers, and will experience the same types of costs. ACSW discussed how implementing LNP would negatively impact its competitive position, particularly since it competes against a nationwide carrier that has greater ability and resources to absorb these costs. ACSW also discussed how implementation of LNP could have downsides for its rural consumers, since it will have to cut back plans for rural cell sites, added coverage, or service enhancements, to cover its costs of implementing LNP throughout its network.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s Rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/

Elisabeth H. Ross

cc: David Furth
Jennifer Salhus
Jared Carlson

Patrick Forster
Diane Harmon
Gene Fullano